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SUBJ: POSSIBLE HARASSMENT OF PCVS AT SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER

1. FOR RECORD, WE REPORT POSSIBLE HARASSMENT BY SOUTH AFRICAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES OF TWO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS (RALPH FIELD AND JOHN HARDIES) CROSSING FROM BOTSWANA AT RAMATLABAMA GATE, DECEMBER 24, 1977. BOTH HAD VALID, MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS WITH RECORD OF PREVIOUS ENTRIES TO THE RSA. PCVS WERE ASKED TO DEPOSIT BOND OF SIX TO SEVEN HUNDRED RAND AT BORDER POST TO INSURE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM SOUTH AFRICA. FINALLY, AFTER DELAY OF TWENTY MINUTES, THEY WERE ADMITTED BECAUSE U.K. TRAVELING COMPANIONS PRODUCED BANK CREDIT CARDS WHICH, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS, SATISFIED THEM AS TO THE FINANCIAL BONA FIDES OF THE PCVS. OFFICIALS, APPARENTLY, DID NOT FIND ACCEPTABLE THE 200 RAND CASH PRODUCED BY AT LEAST ONE OF THE PCVS.

2. COMMENT: PCVS WERE BEARDED, WEARING JEANS AND, TOGETHER WITH UK COMPANIONS, HITCH-HIKING. IT MAY WELL HAVE BEEN THESE FACTORS, AND NOT THE PCVS U.S. PASSPORTS, WHICH STIRRED S.A. IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS.

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